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The orders have gone out to teachers at Weston Collegiate and Vocational School. Duties as of Monday include watching the legs and skirt-lengths of the school's coeds.

This chore follows complaints that skirts of the girls' tunics have been worn too short. One of the few non-private high schools in the Metropolitan area, to enforce the tunic uniform for girls, Weston this term relaxed the ruling to permit ordinary dress on non-physical training days.

Rules for the length of tunic skirts are specific. The skirt must come to six inches above the bended knee. Recently, though, skirts around Weston have begun to creep slightly higher. In some cases they have risen as much as 12 inches above the bended knee.

#### PRINCIPAL'S OKAY

Termed "nothing out of the way," by school principal Eric H. G. Worden, the problem stems from a few girls "who like to show their legs," he says. Teachers agree that this has now become a fad.

"This is an annual affair," explained Dr. Clarke Mills, school

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board member for the past 14 years. "We have this problem every year. There is the odd case of a few girls whose skirts are too short and we get complaints. We have turned the problem over to the physical education teachers for enforcement of the regulations," he said.

While most students are against short skirts, they feel that the arbitrary six inches is undesirable.

"The length should be determined individually according to the build and height of the girl, but within the bounds of good taste," believes fifth form student Jeannine Ofield, 17.

"Nevertheless there must be some regulation. Many of the grade 9 and 10 girls wear their skirts so short they are just a frill. Then they add fancy nylon blouses and load up with rhinestone jewelry. Some even wear plaid shirts and ties with their tunics and the whole thing looks simply awful."

#### 'NOT TOO LONG'

Jeannine's 19-year-old brother, Roger, who attends school with her, agrees. He thinks that tunics of a proper length are the best school dress for girls but says: "If they're too long they don't look good."

President of the student's council at Weston last week, David Allat believes the enforcement of the six-inch rule is "a good idea." "Some girls have gone off the deep end and they've given all the rest a bad name." David argues in favor of tunics

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as they "equalize the girls and are economical."

Sandra Sanders of King street, Weston, believes the enforcement of the stipulated length will be difficult. "As long as tunics are worn at school there will be those who will go to extremes and wear them too short," she thinks. "On the other hand, I think long tunic skirts look horrible."

#### OVERCOME RULE

Up to now, the height of the hem has been inspected in P-T classes. To pass inspection both

at home and at school and still "stay in style" some girls either put extra dome fasteners or pins on their tunic straps to pull the tunics higher, or hold the skirt up higher by pulling it up and folding the top under the tunic belt. As of Monday girls will be checked from class to class as necessary and offenders may be sent home.

"The whole problem will be reviewed in May," says Principal Worden, "and we may allow the girls to vote to see if they want to continue wearing tunics."

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